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METHODS

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Responsive to the Office Action of May 2, 2002, and the in-person interview of September 19, 2002, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks set out below.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) A bicycle stem for connecting a bicycle handlebar to a bicycle steering tube, the bicycle stem comprising:
    - a body portion having opposing first and second ends;
    - a handlebar clamping portion connected to the first end of said body portion;
    - a steering tube clamping portion connected to the second end of said body portion and having a tubular shape defining a steering tube receiving passageway therethrough, said steering tube clamping portion also having a clamp receiving